

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend original claims 1-8 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A guiding ~~Guiding~~ grid of variable geometry comprising:

a plurality ~~crown~~ of guiding vanes (7) arranged around a central axis (R), each vane (7) being pivotal about ~~by means of~~ a pivoting axis (8);

a nozzle ring (6) for supporting said vanes (7) and their pivoting axes (8) around said central axis (R);

a unison ring (5) which is pivotable around said central axis (R) relative to said nozzle ring (6); and

a transmission mechanism (16-19) by ~~through~~ which said unison ring (5) is connected to said vanes (7) for pivoting said vanes (7) about ~~of their angular directions by means of~~ their respective pivoting axes (8), having a first transmission element (16) with an opening (18) in which a second transmission element (17) is slidably guided,

wherein ~~characterized in that~~

said second transmission element (17) is ~~in form of~~ a drag lever (17) which is pivotably guided on an associated ring and in that said drag lever (17) immerges into said opening (18) of the first transmission element (16) in an approximately radial direction.

2. (Currently Amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein Guiding grid as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ said pivotable drag lever (17) is articulated on said unison ring (5).
3. (Currently Amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein Guiding grid as claimed in claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ said pivotable drag lever (17) has a cornered cross-section, ~~e.g. with rounded corners,~~ preferably with a generally square cross section.
4. (Currently Amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein Guiding grid as claimed in any one of the ~~preceding claims,~~ characterized in that said pivotable drag lever (17) abuts, essentially in all its positions, on the entire length of the inner surface of opening (16, 16').
5. (Currently Amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein Guiding grid as claimed in any one of the ~~preceding claims,~~ characterized in that said pivotable drag lever (17) has a longitudinal axis (A, A'), wherein said longitudinal axis (A, A') which is bent off with ~~respect to its articulation point (19),~~ measured as the ~~bending angle (β),~~ wherein said bending angle (β) is being ~~preferably selected so that planes (P1, P2) pass, going~~ through the central axis (R) as well as, on the one hand, ~~through the middle of each respective pivoting axis (8),~~ and, on the other hand, ~~through the articulation point~~ (19) of said a drag lever (17), and wherein the bending ~~angle (β) is include an angle less than about of at most~~ 12°, preferably at most 9°, in particular at most 6°, e.g. ~~2°, and that an~~ angle (γ) between the longitudinal axes of

~~the bent~~ sections of the drag lever (17) is between about 170° to about 120°, preferably 140°.

6. (Currently Amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein Guiding grid as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the opening of the first transmission element (16') is in form of a groove (18'), ~~in particular a groove which looks away from the vanes (7).~~
7. (Currently Amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein Guiding grid as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that on at least some of the pivoting axes (8) ~~is provided~~ a support is provided surface for the unison ring (5), ~~which is preferably presented by a support roller (22).~~
8. (Currently Amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein Guiding grid as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the a longitudinal axis (A) of each of the drag levers (17) forms an angle (δ), different from 0°, with a radial plane (r) when the vanes (7) are closed, of preferably 15° to 25°, in particular about 20° +/- 2°.
9. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein drag lever (17) has a cornered cross-section with a generally square cross-section.
10. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 5, wherein said bending angle (β) is less than about 9°.

11. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 5, wherein said bending angle (β) is less than about 6° .
12. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 5, wherein said angle (γ) is about 140° .
13. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 11, wherein said angle (γ) is about 140° .
14. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 12, wherein said angle (γ) is about 140° .
15. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 6, wherein said groove which faces away from the vanes (7).
16. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 7, wherein said support is a support roller (22).
17. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 8, wherein said angle (δ) is not equal to 0° .
18. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 8, wherein said angle (δ) is between about 15° and about 25° .
19. (New) The guiding grid according to claim 8, wherein said angle (δ) is about $20^\circ \pm 2^\circ$.